To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Article XIV, Section 1 of the Maryland Constitution, the following constitutional amendments have been assigned chapter numbers:

SB 798 Senator Ferguson, et al

Chapter 244

DECLARATION OF RIGHTS – RIGHT TO REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

Establishing that every person, as a central component of an individual's rights to liberty and equality, has the fundamental right to reproductive freedom; and prohibiting the State from, directly or indirectly, denying, burdening, or abridging the right unless justified by a compelling State interest achieved by the least restrictive means. CONTINGENT

HB 705 Delegate A. Jones, et al

Chapter 245

DECLARATION OF RIGHTS – RIGHT TO REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

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On May 3, 2023, the Honorable Wes Moore, Governor; the Honorable Bill Ferguson, President of the Senate; and the Honorable Adrienne A. Jones, Speaker of the House of Delegates, signed the following pieces of legislation, which you passed:

Senator Smith

Chapter 246

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH PROTECTION ACT

Prohibiting a judge from requiring a person to give certain testimony or a statement or to produce evidence in another state for a case involving an alleged violation of the criminal law of the other state relating to legally protected health care; requiring, subject to certain exceptions, that a request for a foreign subpoena include a sworn statement that the subpoena is not intended or anticipated to further an investigation or proceeding related to legally protected health care; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 808

Delegate Williams, et al

Chapter 247

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH PROTECTION ACT

Prohibiting a judge from requiring a person to give certain testimony or a statement or to produce evidence for a case involving an alleged violation of the criminal law of another state relating to health care that is legally protected in the State; prohibiting a judge from issuing an ex parte order to intercept certain communication for the purpose of investigating or recovering evidence related to legally protected health care, subject to a certain exception; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SB 786

Senator Hettleman

Chapter 248

HEALTH – REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES – PROTECTED INFORMATION AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Regulating the disclosure of certain information related to legally protected health care by custodians of public records, health information exchanges, and electronic health networks; requiring that the regulations adopted by the Maryland Health Care Commission regarding clinical information to be exchanged through the State—designated health information exchange restrict data of patients who have obtained legally protected health care; establishing the Protected Health Care Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

Delegate Rosenberg, et al

Chapter 249

HEALTH – REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES – PROTECTED INFORMATION AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Regulating the disclosure of certain information related to legally protected health care by custodians of public records, health information exchanges, and electronic health networks; requiring that the regulations adopted by the Maryland Health Care Commission regarding clinical information to be exchanged through the State—designated exchange restrict data of patients who have obtained legally protected health care; establishing the Protected Health Care Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SB 341

Senator Feldman, et al

Chapter 250

PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS – REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES PLANS – REQUIREMENTS

Requiring, on or before August 1, 2024, certain public senior higher education institutions, in consultation with students, to develop and implement a reproductive health services plan; requiring the University of Baltimore, in lieu of developing and implementing a reproductive health services plan, to provide students with access to over—the—counter contraception in a certain manner; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health, on request, to provide assistance to a public senior higher education institution in developing the plan.

Delegates Kelly and Smith

Chapter 251

PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS – REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES PLANS – REQUIREMENTS

Requiring, on or before August 1, 2024, certain public senior higher education institutions, in consultation with students, to develop and implement a reproductive health services plan to provide at the institution or to refer students to a comprehensive range of reproductive health services; requiring the University of Baltimore, in lieu of developing and implementing a reproductive health services plan, to provide students with access to over—the—counter contraception through certain on—campus means; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 460

Senator M. Washington, et al

Chapter 252

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – GENDER–AFFIRMING TREATMENT (TRANS HEALTH EQUITY ACT)

Requiring, beginning on January 1, 2023, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide gender—affirming treatment in a nondiscriminatory manner; requiring that the gender—affirming treatment be assessed according to nondiscriminatory criteria that are consistent with current clinical standards; prohibiting the issuance of an adverse benefit determination related to gender—affirming treatment unless a certain experienced health care provider has reviewed and confirmed the appropriateness of the determination; etc.

Delegate Kaiser, et al

Chapter 253

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Requiring, beginning on January 1, 2024, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide gender—affirming treatment in a nondiscriminatory manner; requiring that the gender—affirming treatment be assessed according to nondiscriminatory criteria that are consistent with current clinical standards; prohibiting the issuance of an adverse benefit determination related to gender—affirming treatment unless a certain experienced health care provider has reviewed and confirmed the appropriateness of the determination; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 556

Delegates Wilson and Atterbeary

Chapter 254

CANNABIS REFORM

Renaming the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission to be the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission; establishing the Maryland Cannabis Administration as an independent unit of State government; establishing a regulatory and licensing system for adult—use cannabis; imposing a sales and use tax of 9% on the sale of cannabis; requiring the Administration, by July 1, 2023, to convert medical cannabis licenses to licenses to operate a medical and adult—use cannabis business; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 516

Senators Feldman and Hayes

Chapter 255

CANNABIS REFORM

Renaming the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission to be the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission; establishing the Maryland Cannabis Administration as an independent unit of State government; establishing a regulatory and licensing system for adult—use cannabis; imposing the sales and use tax on the sale of adult—use cannabis at 9%; requiring the Administration, on or before July 1 2023, to convert medical cannabis licenses to licenses to operate a medical and adult—use cannabis business; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

Senator Feldman, et al

Chapter 256

MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE – STATE–BASED YOUNG ADULT HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDIES PILOT PROGRAM – SUNSET EXTENSION

Extending the termination date of certain provisions of law that establish and govern the funding for the State-Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program; and requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, in consultation with the Maryland Insurance Administration, to conduct a study on available federal and State subsidies and report its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 814

Delegate Kerr, et al

Chapter 257

MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE – STATE–BASED YOUNG ADULT HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDIES PILOT PROGRAM – SUNSET EXTENSION

Extending the termination date of certain provisions of law that establish and govern the funding for the State-Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program; and requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, in consultation with the Maryland Insurance Administration, to conduct a study on available federal and State subsidies and report its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2024.

Delegate Qi, et al

Chapter 258

FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE PROGRAM – MODIFICATIONS

Modifying the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program by clarifying and altering certain provisions relating to the administration of the Program; establishing the employer and employee shares of the total rate of contribution; prohibiting the total rate of contribution from exceeding 1.2% of an employee's wages; requiring the State to pay for certain contributions for certain covered employees; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to reimburse certain community providers for certain employer contributions in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SB 828

Senator Hayes

Chapter 259

FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE PROGRAM – MODIFICATIONS

Modifying the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program by clarifying and altering certain provisions relating to the administration of the Program; establishing the employer and employee shares of the total rate of contribution; prohibiting the total rate of contribution from exceeding 1.2% of an employee's wage; requiring the State to pay for certain contributions for certain covered employees; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to reimburse certain community providers for certain employer contributions in a certain manner; etc. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SB 3

Senator Augustine, et al

Chapter 260

9-8-8 TRUST FUND - FUNDING

Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill for fiscal year 2025 an appropriation of \$12,000,000 to the 9–8–8 Trust Fund. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Delegates Kelly and Bagnall

Chapter 261

9-8-8 TRUST FUND - FUNDING

Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill for fiscal year 2025 an appropriation of \$12,000,000 to the 9–8–8 Trust Fund for the purpose of designating and maintaining 9–8–8 as the universal telephone number for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline and for developing and implementing a statewide initiative for the coordination and delivery of behavioral health crisis response services in the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 8

Senator Augustine

Chapter 262

MENTAL HEALTH – TREATMENT PLANS FOR INDIVIDUALS IN FACILITIES AND RESIDENCE GRIEVANCE SYSTEM

Requiring a treatment plan for an individual with a mental disorder admitted to a certain health care facility to include a certain discharge goal and an estimate of the probable length of the inpatient stay the individual requires before transfer to a certain setting; requiring certain facility staff to review and reassess a plan of treatment; establishing an appeals process related to the review of a treatment plan; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to adopt certain regulations relating to the appeals process; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 121

Delegate Charkoudian, et al

Chapter 263

MENTAL HEALTH – TREATMENT PLANS FOR INDIVIDUALS IN FACILITIES AND RESIDENT GRIEVANCE SYSTEM

Requiring a treatment plan for an individual with a mental disorder admitted to a certain health care facility to include a discharge goal and an estimate of the probable length of the inpatient stay before the individual can be transferred to a certain setting; requiring certain facility staff to review and reassess a plan of treatment within certain time periods; requiring the Department of Health to report annually to the General Assembly on the Resident Grievance System and the grievances received related to State facilities; etc.

Senator Augustine

Chapter 264

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – CLINICAL AND GRADUATE ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELORS – LICENSURE

Altering the educational requirements that individuals must meet to be licensed as clinical or graduate alcohol and drug counselors. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 291

Delegates Guzzone and Cullison

Chapter 265

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – CLINICAL AND GRADUATE ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELORS – LICENSURE

Altering the educational requirements that individuals must meet to be licensed as clinical or graduate alcohol and drug counselors. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 591

Senator Smith

Chapter 266

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – NONCOMPETE AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST PROVISIONS – APPLICATION OF PROHIBITION

Altering the application of the prohibition on including a noncompete or conflict of interest provision in an employment contract or similar document or agreement that restricts the ability of an employee to enter into employment with a new employer or to become self-employed in the same or similar business or trade.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 928

Senator Griffith

Chapter 267

INSURANCE – CREDIT FOR REINSURANCE MODEL LAW – RECIPROCAL JURISDICTIONS

Prohibiting the Maryland Insurance Commissioner from removing from a certain list of reciprocal jurisdictions created and published by the Commissioner certain jurisdictions located outside the United States and certain jurisdictions in the United States that meet certain accreditation requirements.

Delegate Pena-Melnyk, et al

Chapter 268

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER

Establishing the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in the Maryland Department of Health to advance forensic science and carry out other duties as provided by law; renaming the State Examiners Commission to be the Postmortem Postmortem Examiners Advisory Committee: requiring and authorizing the Department and the Office to perform certain duties and powers performed by the Commission; previously authorizing Department to contract with a physician for employment with the Office on a per diem basis; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Delegate Bagnall, et al

SB 346

Senator King, et al

Chapter 269

MARYLAND SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS ACT

Establishing a licensing and regulatory system for sign language interpreters under the State Board of Sign Language Interpreters in the Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; establishing the Sign Language Interpreters Fund to be used exclusively to cover the actual documented direct and indirect costs of fulfilling the Board's duties, including the development of programs to assist the licensure of marginalized interpreters, the development of certain mentorship programs, and financial assistance for certain applicants; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 260 Chapter 270

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Delegate Atterbeary

Chapter 271

PROPERTY TAX – TAX SALES – PAYMENT OF BALANCE AFTER FORECLOSURE

Requiring each county to establish a process for a person entitled to any balance over the amount required for the payment of taxes, interest, penalties, and costs of sale to claim the balance after a tax sale foreclosure; and requiring the collector of taxes for a county to notify the prior property owner, within 90 days after delivering a deed to a purchaser, of the amount of a certain balance and the process for claiming the balance.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 57

Delegate Atterbeary

Chapter 272

PROPERTY TAX - TAX SALES - REQUIREMENT TO SELL

Repealing certain limitations on the authority of certain local governments to set the time by which a property with taxes in arrears must be sold by the tax collector.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 83

Delegate Atterbeary

Chapter 273

PROPERTY TAX – TAX SALES – REDEMPTION

Requiring a tax collector to make certain attempts to contact a certain plaintiff or holder of a certificate of sale regarding certain expenses; and authorizing a collector to redeem certain property without a certain satisfaction letter if a plaintiff or holder of a certificate of sale fails to respond within 5 days after certain attempts by the collector to make contact.

Delegate Atterbeary

Chapter 274

PROPERTY TAX – TAX SALES – NOTICES AND PAYOFF AMOUNT FOR REDEMPTION

Requiring that the holder of a certificate of sale include the e-mail address of certain persons in certain notices required to be sent to certain persons with an interest in a property that is sold at a tax sale; authorizing certain persons with an interest in owner-occupied property sold at a tax sale to request the current payoff amount to redeem the property; providing that the payoff amount to redeem the property provided by the holder of the certificate to the owner of the property is valid for 30 days; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 362

Senator Guzzone, et al

Chapter 275

CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINICS – PLANNING GRANT FUNDS AND DEMONSTRATION APPLICATION

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to apply to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration at the Center for Mental Health Services for federal planning, development, and implementation grant funds related to certified community behavioral health clinics for fiscal year 2025; and requiring the Department to apply to the Administration for inclusion in the state certified community behavioral health clinic demonstration program for fiscal year 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 558

Senator Guzzone

Chapter 276

RECOVERY RESIDENCE GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Recovery Residence Grant Program within the Maryland Department of Health to award competitive grants to recovery residences to support operations, services, and programs; requiring the Department to establish certain procedures; requiring the annual budget bill to include \$500,000 for the Program in each of fiscal years 2024 through 2027; and requiring the Department to submit an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly about the number of grants and the program's grant recipients by December 1, 2024.

Senator Guzzone

Chapter 277

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF CHESAPEAKE EXCEL CENTER IN BALTIMORE CITY – ALTERATIONS

Altering the name of a recipient from the Goodwill Excel Center to the Goodwill Industries of Chesapeake Excel Center in Baltimore City; and requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$500,000 to the Goodwill Industries of Chesapeake Excel Center in Baltimore City for each of fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 527

Senators Waldstreicher and Smith

Chapter 278

FIRE, RESCUE, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ENTITIES – PEER SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Altering the defined term "peer support counseling program" for peer services offered to fire, rescue, or emergency medical services members to be "peer support program"; and requiring peer support programs to be evidence—based.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 940

Senator Muse, et al

Chapter 279

STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY – ACCESSIBLE PRESCRIPTION LABELS, BAG TAGS, AND MEDICAL GUIDES FOR BLIND, VISUALLY IMPAIRED, AND PRINT DISABLED INDIVIDUALS – REGULATIONS

Requiring the State Board of Pharmacy to adopt regulations necessary to ensure that individuals who are blind, visually impaired, or otherwise print disabled have appropriate access to prescription labels, bag tags, and medical guides; requiring the Board to give visually impaired individuals an opportunity to comment on the regulations; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to report by December 1, 2023, to the General Assembly on the process for and costs of implementing certain enhanced professional dispensing fees.

Delegate Guyton, et al

Chapter 280

STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY – ACCESSIBLE PRESCRIPTION LABELS, BAG TAGS, AND MEDICAL GUIDES FOR BLIND, VISUALLY IMPAIRED, AND PRINT DISABLED INDIVIDUALS – REGULATIONS

Requiring the State Board of Pharmacy to adopt regulations necessary to ensure that individuals who are blind, visually impaired, or otherwise print disabled have appropriate access to prescription labels, bag tags, and medical guides; requiring the Board to give visually impaired individuals an opportunity to comment on the regulations; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to report by December 1, 2023, to the General Assembly on the implementation process for providing accessible labels for visually impaired persons.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 870

Chapter 281

Delegate Guyton

DIVISION OF REHABILITATION SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Requiring the Division of Rehabilitation Services in the State Department of Education and the Developmental Disabilities Administration in the Maryland Department of Health to enter into a memorandum of understanding, the terms of which shall include a data sharing agreement for the medical and psychological records of mutual clients in order to expedite decisions regarding eligibility for services.

Senators Augustine and Hester

Chapter 282

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM. AND WORKGROUP ON LOW-INCOME UTILITY ASSISTANCE

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish an Express Lane Eligibility Program by January 1, 2025, to enroll individuals, based on certain eligibility, in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and the Maryland Children's Health Program; and requiring the Workgroup on Low-Income Utility Assistance to submit a final report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2024, of its findings and recommendations, including recommended legislative and regulatory changes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 111

Delegate Charkoudian, et al

Chapter 283

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM, AND WORKGROUP ON LOW-INCOME UTILITY ASSISTANCE

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish an Express Lane Eligibility Program by January 1, 2025, to enroll individuals, based on certain eligibility, in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and the Maryland Children's Health Program; and requiring the Workgroup on Low-Income Utility Assistance to submit a final report to certain committees of the General Assembly by January 1, 2024, of its findings and recommendations, including recommended legislative and regulatory changes. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 101

Senator Augustine

Chapter 284

MARYLAND ASSISTANCE MEDICAL **PROGRAM COLLABORATIVE CARE** MODEL SERVICES IMPLEMENTATION AND REIMBURSEMENT EXPANSION

Repealing the Collaborative Care Pilot Program; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to expand access to and provide reimbursement for services provided in accordance with the Collaborative Care Model under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

Delegate Bagnall

Chapter 285

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - COLLABORATIVE CARE MODEL SERVICES - IMPLEMENTATION AND REIMBURSEMENT EXPANSION

Repealing the Collaborative Care Pilot Program; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to expand access to and provide reimbursement for services provided in accordance with the Collaborative Care Model under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 283

Senator Augustine

Chapter 286

MENTAL HEALTH – WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT – FUND ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Behavioral Health Workforce Investment Fund to provide reimbursement for costs associated with educating, training, certifying, recruiting, placing, and retaining behavioral health professionals and paraprofessionals; providing that money expended from the Fund is supplemental to and not intended to supplant other funding; and requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission, in coordination with certain other agencies, to conduct a comprehensive behavioral health workforce needs assessment by October 1, 2024. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 418

Delegate Bagnall, et al

Chapter 287

MENTAL HEALTH – WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT – FUND ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Behavioral Health Workforce Investment Fund to provide reimbursement for costs associated with educating, training, certifying, recruiting, placing, and retaining behavioral health professionals and paraprofessionals; and requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission, in coordination with certain entities, to conduct a comprehensive behavioral health workforce needs assessment on or before October 1, 2024, and submit the assessment to certain committees of the General Assembly by October 15, 2024. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Senator Augustine, et al

Chapter 288

HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – NURSING HOMES – ACQUISITIONS AND LICENSURE

Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to provide certain information regarding the acquisition of a nursing home to the Office of Health Care Quality; requiring the Secretary of Health to consider the information before taking action regarding licensure to operate a nursing home; and requiring the Commission, in consultation with certain stakeholders, to study and make recommendations regarding the expansion of the certificate of need program over acquisitions of nursing homes and issue a report on or before December 1, 2023.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 702

Delegate Kerr, et al

Chapter 289

HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – NURSING HOMES – ACQUISITIONS AND LICENSURE

Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to provide certain information regarding the acquisition of a nursing home to the Office of Health Care Quality; requiring the Secretary of Health to consider the information before taking action regarding licensure to operate a nursing home; and requiring the Commission, in consultation with certain stakeholders, to study and make recommendations regarding the expansion of the certificate of need program over acquisitions of nursing homes and report by December 1, 2023.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 582

Senator Augustine

Chapter 290

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE – TREATMENT AND ACCESS (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH MODEL FOR MARYLAND)

Establishing the Commission on Behavioral Health Care Treatment and Access to make recommendations to provide appropriate, accessible, and comprehensive behavioral health services that are available on demand to individuals in the State; establishing the Behavioral Health Care Coordination Value—Based Purchasing Pilot Program in the Maryland Department of Health; requiring the Department apply for certain federal planning grant funds; requiring the Department to apply to participate in a certain demonstration program; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

Delegate Moon, et al

Chapter 291

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE – TREATMENT AND ACCESS (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH MODEL FOR MARYLAND)

Establishing the Commission on Behavioral Health Care Treatment and Access to make recommendations to provide appropriate, accessible, and comprehensive behavioral health services that are available on demand to individuals in the State; establishing the Behavioral Health Care Coordination Value—Based Purchasing Pilot Program in the Maryland Department of Health; requiring the Department to apply for certain federal planning grant funds; requiring the Department to apply to participate in a certain demonstration program; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 198

Senator Augustine

Chapter 292

ELEVATOR SAFETY – PRIVATELY OWNED SINGLE–FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ELEVATORS – INSPECTION AND REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Establishing that an elevator installed in a privately owned single–family residential dwelling on or after October 1, 2023, is subject to certain inspection and registration requirements; prohibiting the Commissioner of Labor and Industry from disclosing to the public any information about a registered elevator unit installed in a privately owned single–family residential dwelling; and requiring the Commissioner to delete certain registration information on the completion of the final acceptance inspection on a certain unit.

Delegate Rogers, et al

Chapter 293

ELEVATOR SAFETY – PRIVATELY OWNED SINGLE–FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ELEVATORS – INSPECTION AND REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Establishing that an elevator installed in a privately owned single—family residential dwelling on or after October 1, 2023, is subject to certain inspection and registration requirements; prohibiting the Commissioner of Labor and Industry from disclosing to the public any information regarding a registered elevator unit installed in a privately owned single—family residential dwelling; and requiring the Commissioner to delete certain registration information on the completion of the final acceptance inspection on a certain unit.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 607

Senator Ferguson

Chapter 294

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – 46TH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT – REVISIONS

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to approve a license expansion to a noncontiguous property with a second separate use permit issued by the City if a certain condition is met; authorizing the establishment and conversion of various alcoholic beverages licenses in the 46th alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City; extending for 1 year the expiration of alcoholic beverages licenses issued for certain areas for certain transferal and renewal purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 917

Delegate Clippinger, et al

Chapter 295

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – 46TH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT – REVISIONS

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to approve a license expansion to a noncontiguous property with a second separate use permit issued by the City if a certain condition is met; authorizing the establishment and conversion of various alcoholic beverages licenses in the 46th alcoholic beverages district; extending for 1 year the expiration of an alcoholic beverage licenses issued for certain areas for certain transferal and renewal purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

Delegate Bartlett

Chapter 296

PUBLIC HEALTH – CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER – CORRECTIONS TO AUTOPSY FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Altering, from 60 days to 180 days, the time period after a medical examiner files findings and conclusions resulting from an autopsy during which a person in interest may request the medical examiner to correct findings and conclusions on the cause and manner of death recorded on a certificate of death.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 154

Senators Beidle and Augustine

Chapter 297

PUBLIC HEALTH – MENTAL HEALTH ADVANCE DIRECTIVES – AWARENESS AND STATEWIDE DATABASE

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop and implement a public awareness campaign to encourage the use of mental health advance directives in the State; and requiring the Behavioral Health Administration and the Maryland Health Care Commission jointly to study how first responders and behavioral health crisis providers can access a certain advanced directive database when responding to a behavioral health crisis and to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on their findings on or before December 1, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 184

Senator Beidle, et al

Chapter 298

HEALTH INSURANCE – DIAGNOSTIC AND SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINATIONS AND BIOPSIES FOR BREAST CANCER – COST–SHARING

Prohibiting, except under certain circumstances, insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide coverage for diagnostic and supplemental breast examinations from imposing a copayment, coinsurance, or deductible requirement for the examination; and requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to study and report to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly by October 1, 2023, on the financial impact of eliminating cost—sharing for diagnostic image—guided biopsies for breast cancer.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

Delegate Sample-Hughes, et al

Chapter 299

HEALTH INSURANCE – DIAGNOSTIC AND SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINATIONS AND BIOPSIES FOR BREAST CANCER – COST–SHARING

Prohibiting, except under certain circumstances, insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide coverage for diagnostic and supplemental breast examinations from imposing a copayment, coinsurance, or deductible requirement for the examination; and requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to study and report to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly by October 1, 2023 on the financial impact of eliminating cost—sharing for diagnostic image—guided biopsies for breast cancer.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 678

Senator Beidle

Chapter 300

HEALTH INSURANCE – REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY A PHARMACIST

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, the Maryland Children's Health Program, and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for all services rendered to an enrollee by a licensed pharmacist within the pharmacist's lawful scope of practice, rather than only certain services, to the same extent as services rendered by any other health care practitioner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 1151

Delegate Bhandari, et al

Chapter 301

HEALTH INSURANCE – REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY A PHARMACIST

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, the Maryland Children's Health Program, and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for all services rendered to an enrollee by a licensed pharmacist within the pharmacist's lawful scope of practice to the same extent as services rendered by any other health care practitioner; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed by January 1, 2024.

Delegate Kerr, et al

Chapter 302

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – LICENSED ATHLETIC TRAINERS – DRY NEEDLING APPROVAL

Authorizing the State Board of Physicians to approve licensed athletic trainers to perform dry needling, a certain type of intramuscular manual therapy involving the insertion of one or more solid needles into the muscle and related tissues to effect change in the muscle and related tissues, as a specialized task; requiring 80 hours of instruction in a certain continuing education course, including 40 hours of practical, hands—on instruction under the guidance of a certain licensed health care practitioner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 232

Senator Beidle, et al

Chapter 303

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – LICENSED ATHLETIC TRAINERS – DRY NEEDLING APPROVAL

Authorizing the State Board of Physicians to approve licensed athletic trainers to perform dry needling, a certain type of intramuscular manual therapy involving the insertion of one or more solid needles into the muscle and related tissues to effect change in the muscle and related tissues; requiring 80 hours of instruction in a certain continuing education course, including 40 hours of practical, hands—on instruction under the guidance of a certain licensed health care practitioner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 288

Delegate Cullison, et al

Chapter 304

GROCERY STORES AND RESTAURANTS – AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM (JOE SHEYA ACT)

Requiring the owners and operators of grocery stores with annual gross incomes greater than \$10,000,000 or restaurants with annual gross incomes of more than \$1,000,000, beginning on January 1, 2024, to place an automated external defibrillator in a prominent, accessible area and maintain the functionality of the defibrillator; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health and the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems jointly to adopt certain regulations.

Senator Kramer, et al

Chapter 305

GROCERY STORES AND RESTAURANTS – AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM (JOE SHEYA ACT)

Requiring the owners and operators of grocery stores with annual gross incomes greater than \$10,000,000 or restaurants with annual gross incomes of more than \$1,000,000, beginning on January 1, 2025, to place an automated external defibrillator in a prominent, accessible area and maintain the functionality of the defibrillator; requiring the Maryland Department of Health and the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems jointly to adopt certain regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 1074

Delegate D. Barnes, et al

Chapter 306

INCOME TAX – AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR TAX CREDIT

Allowing an individual or a business entity to claim a credit against the State income tax for the first \$500 of the purchase price of an automated external defibrillator purchased for use at a restaurant location in the State with annual gross income of at least \$400,000; prohibiting the credit from being claimed more than once by any individual or business entity for each restaurant location; and providing certain other limitations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 624

Senator Zucker, et al

Chapter 307

INCOME TAX – AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR TAX CREDIT (JOE SHEYA ACT)

Allowing an individual or a business entity to claim a credit against the State income tax for the first \$500 of the purchase price of an automated external defibrillator purchased for use at a restaurant location in the State with annual gross income of at least \$400,000, subject to certain limitations; prohibiting the credit from being claimed more than once by an individual or business entity for each restaurant location; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022, but before January 1, 2028; etc.

Senator Hershey, et al

Chapter 308

STATE DESIGNATIONS – STATE SPIRIT – MARYLAND RYE

Designating Maryland Rye or Maryland Rye Whiskey as the State spirit.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 178

Delegate Reznik, et al

Chapter 309

STATE DESIGNATIONS - STATE SPIRIT - MARYLAND RYE

Designating Maryland Rye or Maryland Rye Whiskey as the State spirit.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 333

Delegate Charkoudian, et al

Chapter 310

HOSPITALS – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – MEDICAL BILL REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS

Establishing requirements related to the reimbursement of out—of—pocket costs paid by certain hospital patients who were eligible for free care, including requirements related to the consideration of data and the reporting and disclosure of certain information; authorizing the Commission to impose a fine of up to \$50,000 per violation if a hospital fails to provide refunds to qualifying patients; making a violation of the Act an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice subject to penalties under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 404

Senators Hershey and Hayes

Chapter 311

HOSPITALS – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – MEDICAL BILL REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS

Establishing requirements related to the reimbursement of out—of—pocket costs paid by certain hospital patients who were eligible for free care, including requirements related to the consideration of data and the reporting and disclosure of certain information; authorizing the imposition of a fine not exceeding \$50,000 per violation if a hospital fails to provide refunds to qualifying patients; making a violation of the Act an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice subject to penalties under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act; etc.

Delegate Rogers, et al

Chapter 312

6888TH CENTRAL POSTAL DIRECTORY BATTALION DAY

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim March 9 as 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion Day in recognition of the service of the women of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion during World War II.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 662

Delegate Rogers, et al

Chapter 313

REAL ESTATE BROKERS, SALESPERSONS, AND ASSOCIATE BROKERS – CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES – ALTERATIONS

Altering the requirements for the subject matter of continuing education courses for licensees issued an initial license by the Real Estate Commission.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 443

Senator Brooks

Chapter 314

REAL ESTATE BROKERS, SALESPERSONS, AND ASSOCIATE BROKERS – CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES – ALTERATIONS

Altering the requirements for the subject matter of continuing education courses for licensees issued an initial license by the Real Estate Commission.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 235

Delegate Kaiser, et al

Chapter 315

TAX SALES – OWNER-OCCUPIED PROPERTY – FORECLOSURE, NOTICE, AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

Prohibiting in all counties, rather than Baltimore City only, a holder of a certificate of sale from filing a complaint to foreclose the right of redemption for owner–occupied residential property until 9 months from the date of sale; prohibiting in all counties, rather than Baltimore City only, a certain notice from being sent to certain persons with an interest in owner–occupied residential property sold at tax sale until 7 months after the date of sale; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024

Delegate Kaiser, et al

Chapter 316

TAX SALES – HOMEOWNER PROTECTION PROGRAM – OUTREACH

Expressing the intent of the General Assembly that at least 2% of the balance in the Homeowner Protection Fund be spent each year to conduct outreach in a certain manner to homeowners in tax sale to encourage the homeowners to enroll in the Homeowner Protection Program; authorizing the State Tax Sale Ombudsman to conduct outreach using State employees and resources or to contract with a private vendor; requiring that certain State and local government agencies provide certain information to facilitate outreach efforts; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 145

Senators West and M. Washington

Chapter 317

STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS – CONDITIONAL LICENSES TO PRACTICE SOCIAL WORK

Authorizing the State Board of Social Work Examiners, under certain circumstances, to issue a conditional license to practice social work to an applicant who, except for passing a required examination, has met the appropriate education and experience requirements for a certain license if the required examination was unavailable to the applicant for a period of at least 15 business days; providing that a conditional license is valid until 180 days after the examination becomes readily available to the applicant; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 399

Senator M. Washington

Chapter 318

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS – REVISIONS

Altering the education requirements for an applicant for licensure as an environmental health specialist to include a minimum of 30 semester credit hours or the equivalent quarter credit hours in certain sciences and laboratory coursework as required in regulations adopted by the Board of Environmental Health Specialists; requiring the Board to administer examinations to applicants at least once a year; and altering the grounds for which the Board may take disciplinary action against an applicant or a licensee.

Delegate Alston, et al

Chapter 319

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS - REVISIONS

Altering the education requirements for an applicant for licensure as an environmental health specialist; altering the grounds for which the Board may take disciplinary action against an applicant or a licensee to include misfeasance and malfeasance while performing the duties of an environmental health specialist; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 800

Delegate Phillips, et al

Chapter 320

EXECUTION ON Α JUDGMENT CHILD SUPPORT ARREARAGES – WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Specifying that 25% of the net recovery by the debtor on a claim for workers' compensation is subject to execution on a judgment for a child support arrearage.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 71

Senator Brooks

Chapter 321

EXECUTION ONJUDGMENT CHILD SUPPORT Α ARREARAGES – WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Specifying that 25% of the net recovery by the debtor on a claim for workers' compensation is subject to execution on a judgment for a child support arrearage.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 805

Senator Ellis

Chapter 322

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND HEALTH INSURANCE – REQUIRED COVERAGE FOR BIOMARKER **TESTING**

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations to provide coverage for biomarker testing that is supported by medical and scientific evidence; establishing requirements for deductibles, copayments, coinsurance, and utilization review for biomarker testing; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to report on matters related to biomarker testing converage on or before December 1, 2024; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024

Delegate Toles, et al

Chapter 323

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND HEALTH INSURANCE - REQUIRED COVERAGE FOR BIOMARKER **TESTING**

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations to provide coverage for biomarker testing that is supported by medical and scientific evidence; establishing requirements for deductibles, copayments, and coinsurance for biomarker testing; and requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on the impact of providing biomarker testing. EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024

SB 914

Senators Ellis and Rosapepe

Chapter 324

HOSPITALS - TESTING FOR FENTANYL (THE JOSH SIEMS ACT)

Requiring a hospital to include testing for fentanyl as part of a urine drug screening; and requiring the hospital, if a urine drug screening detects fentanyl, to report the deidentified test results to the Maryland Department of Health through the State-designated health information exchange.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 811

Delegate Vogel, et al

Chapter 325

HOSPITALS - TESTING FOR FENTANYL (THE JOSH SIEMS ACT)

Requiring a hospital to include testing for fentanyl as part of a urine drug screening; and requiring the hospital, if a urine drug screening detects fentanyl, to report the deidentified test results to the Maryland Department of Health through the State-designated health information exchange.

Delegate Cullison, et al

Chapter 326

STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS – UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY FACULTY – QUALIFYING FOR EXAMINATION

Altering the circumstances under which a dentist who is a faculty member at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry and was trained at a foreign dental school must be qualified by the State Board of Dental Examiners to take an examination offered by the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc., or its successor organization.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 213

Senator Ellis

Chapter 327

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALISTS – PRESCRIBING

Defining "clinical nurse specialist" and "practice as a clinical nurse specialist" for the purpose of authorizing clinical nurse specialists to prescribe drugs and durable medical equipment under regulations adopted by the State Board of Nursing; designating a clinical nurse specialist as an "authorized prescriber" under the Maryland Pharmacy Act; and authorizing a licensed physician to personally prepare and dispense a prescription written by a clinical nurse specialist.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 278

Delegate Cullison, et al

Chapter 328

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALISTS – PRESCRIBING

Defining "clinical nurse specialist" and "practice as a clinical nurse specialist" for the purpose of authorizing clinical nurse specialists to prescribe drugs and durable medical equipment under regulations adopted by the State Board of Nursing; designating a clinical nurse specialist as an "authorized prescriber" under the Maryland Pharmacy Act; and authorizing a licensed physician to personally prepare and dispense a prescription written by a clinical nurse specialist.

Delegate Bagnall

Chapter 329

MASSAGE THERAPY – DEFINITION, REGISTRATION, AND REIMBURSEMENT

Altering the definition of "massage therapy"; altering the date after which the option to be registered by the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners to practice massage therapy in a setting that is not a health care setting will no longer be available; and repealing a provision of law that provides that certain provisions of law do not require a nonprofit health insurance plan, an insurer, a health maintenance organization, or a person acting as a third party administrator to reimburse certain individuals for services rendered. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 216

Senators Ellis and Augustine

Chapter 330

MASSAGE THERAPY – DEFINITION, REGISTRATION, AND REIMBURSEMENT

Altering the definition of "massage therapy"; altering the date after which the option to be registered by the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners to practice massage therapy in a setting that is not a health care setting will no longer be available; and repealing a provision of law that provides that certain provisions of law do not require a nonprofit health insurance plan, an insurer, a health maintenance organization, or a person acting as a third party administrator to reimburse certain individuals for services rendered. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 511

Senators Ellis and Hester

Chapter 331

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2023

Repealing the \$500,000 cap on the amount of grants that may be awarded by the Maryland Transit Administration under the Maryland Senior Rides Program; repealing the \$400,000 cap on funding for the Job Access and Reverse Commute Program; establishing the State Coordinating Committee for Health and Human Services Transportation to examine the transportation needs of residents of the State who are elderly, have a disability, or require transportation to access jobs, medical and other health—related appointments, and certain programs; etc.

Delegate Kerr, et al

Chapter 332

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2023

Repealing the \$500,000 cap on grants that may be awarded by the Maryland Transit Administration under the Maryland Senior Rides Program; repealing the \$400,000 cap on the Job Access and Reverse Commute Program; establishing the State Coordinating Committee for Health and Human Services Transportation to examine transportation needs of the elderly, persons with disabilities, and residents requiring transportation assistance to jobs, appointments, citizen programs, and other engagements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 648

Senator Rosapepe

Chapter 333

ELECTRONIC HEALTH NETWORKS AND ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS – NURSING HOMES – RELEASE OF RECORDS

Authorizing a nursing home that contracts with or uses an electronic health information network or electronic medical record vendor to direct the network or vendor to release electronic medical records and electronic health care transactions to a business associate of the nursing home.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 172

Senator Rosapepe

Chapter 334

EMPLOYMENT FOR MINORS – OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK (JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ACT)

Requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, to release certain personal information of a minor who has a work permit to employers and apprenticeship sponsors, educational programs and institutions, and local workforce development boards that have requested and have registered with the Maryland Department of Labor for the purpose of receiving the information, if a parent or legal guardian of the minor or the minor elects to allow the sharing of the information. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

Delegate Queen

Chapter 335

EMPLOYMENT FOR MINORS – OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK

Requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to release certain personal information of a minor who has a work permit to employers and apprenticeship sponsors, educational programs and institutions, and local workforce development boards that have requested and have registered with the Maryland Department of Labor for the purpose of receiving the information, if a parent or legal guardian of the minor or the minor elects to allow the sharing of the information. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 513

Delegate Queen

Chapter 336

INVESTOR-OWNED UTILITIES – PREVAILING WAGE – ENFORCEMENT

Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to enforce certain prevailing wage requirements for contractors and subcontractors working on projects involving and traffic control activities related to underground gas or electric infrastructure of an investor—owned gas company, electric company, or gas and electric company; requiring certain contractors and subcontractors to request from the Department a copy of a certain wage determination and ensure that employees are paid in compliance with existing prevailing wage rates; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 86

Delegate Qi

Chapter 337

DISCLOSURE OF TAX INFORMATION – MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS RETIREMENT SAVINGS BOARD – AUTHORIZATION

Authorizing, subject to certain limitations, the disclosure of a business entity's federal employer identification number, name, physical address, mailing address, contact name, e-mail address, and phone number to the Maryland Small Business Retirement Savings Board and its authorized contractors for the purposes of administering the Maryland Small Business Retirement Savings Program and Trust.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

Senator Rosapepe

Chapter 338

MARYLAND SAVES DATA SHARING ACT

Authorizing, subject to certain limitations, the disclosure of certain tax information to the Maryland Small Business Retirement Savings Board and its authorized contractors for the purpose of administering the Maryland Small Business Retirement Savings Program and Trust.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 144

Delegate Qi

Chapter 339

REAL ESTATE BROKERS – INACTIVE LICENSES – REQUIREMENTS AFTER EXPIRATION

Requiring a person who fails to reactivate a real estate broker license on inactive status within 3 years to comply with specified requirements to obtain a license.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 132

Delegate Qi

Chapter 340

HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR-CONDITIONING, AND REFRIGERATION SERVICES – JOURNEYMAN LICENSE – QUALIFICATIONS

Altering certain qualifications for a journeyman license to provide heating, ventilation, air—conditioning, and refrigeration services to require having held an apprentice license for 4 rather than 3 years and having completed at least 6,000 rather than 1,875 hours of training under the direction and control of a licensed contractor. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 675

Delegate Hutchinson, et al

Chapter 341

COMMISSION TO STUDY TRAUMA CENTER FUNDING IN MARYLAND

Establishing the Commission to Study Trauma Center Funding in Maryland to study the adequacy of trauma center funding across the State for operating, capital, and workforce costs; and requiring the Commission to reports its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

Senator Carozza, et al

Chapter 342

COMMISSION TO STUDY TRAUMA CENTER FUNDING IN MARYLAND

Establishing the Commission to Study Trauma Center Funding in Maryland to study the adequacy of trauma center funding across the State for operating, capital, and workforce costs; and requiring the Commission to report its finding and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2023. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SB 794

Senators Carozza and Mautz

Chapter 343

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS – RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS – FOOD SERVICE FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to adopt regulations that establish certain food service facility standards for certain residential programs that have fewer than 17 residents. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 1153

Delegate Adams, et al

Chapter 344

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS – RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS – FOOD SERVICE FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to adopt regulations that establish certain food service facility standards that are appropriate to residential programs that have less than 17 residents. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 135

Senator Carozza

Chapter 345

WORCESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – OCEAN CITY PROMOTER'S LICENSE

Establishing an Ocean City promoter's license in Worcester County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Worcester County to issue the license to a for–profit organization to sell and serve beer, wine, and liquor at an entertainment event that is held on premises located within the corporate limits of The Town of Ocean City, owned by the Town of Ocean City, and approved in writing by the Ocean City Police Department; and establishing a license fee of \$5,000 per entertainment event.

Delegate Hartman

Chapter 346

WORCESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – OCEAN CITY PROMOTER'S LICENSE

Establishing an Ocean City promoter's license in Worcester County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Worcester County to issue the license to a for—profit organization to sell and serve beer, wine, and liquor at an entertainment event that is held on premises located within the corporate limits of the Town of Ocean City, owned by the Town of Ocean City, and approved in writing by the Ocean City Police Department; and authorizing a license fee of \$5,000 per entertainment event.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 976

Chapter 347

Delegate Henson, et al

WORKGROUP ON MOLD STANDARDS AND REMEDIATION

Establishing the Workgroup on Mold Standards and Remediation to study information on mold assessment and remediation to determine the best practices for identifying mold, preventing the development of mold within indoor environments, and remediating indoor molding conditions harmful to public health; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by October 1, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 321

Chapter 348

Delegate Rosenberg, et al

CIGARETTE RESTITUTION FUND – PAYMENTS FOR SALE AND MARKETING OF ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES – USE

Requiring the Cigarette Restitution Fund to include a separate account consisting of payments received by the State from certain enforcement actions related to the sale and marketing of electronic smoking devices; and providing that distributions from the separate account may be used, consistent with any other State law, to supplement General Fund appropriations designated for certain programs with the purpose of reducing the use of tobacco products by individuals under 21 years of age.

Senator Elfreth, et al

Chapter 349

STATE GOVERNMENT – REGULATION PROCEDURES AND THE MARYLAND REGISTER

Requiring the Division of State Documents to make at least the 15 most recent issues of the Maryland Register available to the public for online searching; altering the requirements for a unit of State government to submit certain proposed or emergency regulations, work plans, and evaluation reports to the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review, the Department of Legislative Services, and the Administrator of the Division of State Documents; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 817

Delegate Rosenberg, et al

Chapter 350

STATE GOVERNMENT – REGULATION PROCEDURES AND THE MARYLAND REGISTER

Requiring the Division of State Documents to make at least the 15 most recent issues of the Maryland Register available to the public for online searching; altering the requirements for a unit of State government to submit certain proposed or emergency regulations, work plans, and evaluation reports to the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review, the Department of Legislative Services, and the Administrator of the Division of State Documents; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 472

Senator Elfreth

Chapter 351

CITY OF ANNAPOLIS – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ART ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing an art establishment beer and wine license in the City of Annapolis; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to sell or serve beer and wine for on–premises consumption to a nonprofit organization primarily engaged in certain arts–related activities; and establishing an annual license fee of \$1,000.

Delegate D. Jones, et al

Chapter 352

CITY OF ANNAPOLIS – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ART ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing an art establishment beer and wine license in the City of Annapolis; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to sell or serve beer and wine for on–premises consumption to a nonprofit organization primarily engaged in certain arts–related activities; and providing for a license fee of \$1,000. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 965

Senator Benson, et al

Chapter 353

CANCER SCREENING – HEALTH INSURANCE AND ASSESSMENT OF OUTREACH, EDUCATION, AND HEALTH DISPARITIES

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for certain lung cancer diagnostic imaging and limiting the copayment, coinsurance, or deductible requirement that the entities can require for lung cancer screening and diagnosis; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to conduct an assessment on certain outreach, education, and health disparities in cancer screening and report the results of the assessment to the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2024.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 815

Delegate Fennell, et al

 $Chapter\ 354$

CANCER SCREENING – HEALTH INSURANCE AND ASSESSMENT OF OUTREACH, EDUCATION, AND HEALTH DISPARITIES

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for certain lung cancer diagnostic imaging and limiting the copayment, coinsurance, or deductible that the entities can require for lung cancer screening and diagnosis; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to conduct an assessment on certain outreach, education, and health disparities in cancer screening and report the results to the General Assembly by January 1, 2024.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

Delegate Kipke, et al

Chapter 355

HEALTH INSURANCE – PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – AUDITS OF PHARMACIES AND PHARMACISTS

Requiring the Secretary of Health to adopt regulations for pharmacy benefits managers that contract with managed care organizations that establish requirements for conducting audits of pharmacies or pharmacists; establishing requirements and prohibitions regarding audits by certain pharmacy benefits managers, including provisions related to audit limits, acceptance of certain documents as proof, recoupment of funds or charging of fees for prescriptions of unbreakable package sizes, and access to financial documentation; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024

HB 571

Delegate Kipke, et al

Chapter 356

OPIOIDS – OPIOID RESTITUTION ADVISORY COUNCIL AND FUND AND OVERDOSE RESPONSE PROGRAM

Authorizing the Attorney General to direct that an Opioid Restitution Fund Advisory Council committee be formed if required by a court or administrative order or settlement agreement entered into by the Attorney General; requiring the Maryland Department of Health, subject to the limitations of the State budget, to allow certain entities to choose the formulation or dosage of an opioid overdose reversal drug approved by the Food and Drug Administration with which the entity is provided through the Overdose Response Program; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 967

Delegate Bhandari, et al

Chapter 357

GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – DASHAIN DAY

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim October 5 as Dashain Day, a festival originating in Nepal that celebrates and symbolizes victory of good over evil.

Senator Lam

Chapter 358

HOSPITAL CREDENTIALING – REAPPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR PHYSICIAN STAFF – MODIFICATION

Requiring that the credential reappointment process for physician staff included in certain minimum standards for hospitals licensed in the State be conducted in accordance with standards of the accreditation body that accredits a hospital, rather than every 2 years.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 633

Delegate Bhandari

Chapter 359

HOSPITAL CREDENTIALING – REAPPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR PHYSICIAN STAFF – MODIFICATION

Requiring that the credential reappointment process for physician staff included in certain minimum standards for hospitals licensed in the State be conducted in accordance with standards of the accreditation body that accredits a hospital, rather than every 2 years.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 302

Delegate Shetty, et al

Chapter 360

PUBLIC HEALTH - RARE DISEASE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Establishing the Rare Disease Advisory Council to study and make recommendations on matters relating to individuals with rare diseases in the State; requiring the Council to convene public hearings, make inquiries, and solicit comments from the public on the needs of rare disease patients, caregivers, and health care providers; requiring the Council to report to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1 each year beginning in 2024 and to provide recommendations on ways to address the needs of persons with rare diseases in the State; etc.

Senator Lam, et al

Chapter 361

PUBLIC HEALTH - RARE DISEASE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Establishing the Rare Disease Advisory Council to study and make recommendations on matters relating to individuals with rare diseases in the State; requiring the Council to convene public hearings, make inquiries, and solicit comments from the public on the needs of rare disease patients, caregivers, and health care providers; requiring the Council to report to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1 each year beginning in 2024 and provide recommendations on ways to address the needs of persons with rare diseases in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 200 Chapter 362

Senator Lam (By Request - State Board of Chiropractic Examiners)

STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS – DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Authorizing the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners to take disciplinary action against an applicant or a licensee for failing to comply with a Board order; authorizing the Board to grant a stay of enforcement of a Board order in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act; prohibiting an order of the Board from being stayed pending judicial review; authorizing the Board to reinstate a suspended or revoked license only in accordance with the terms and conditions of certain orders issued by the Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 234 Chapter 363

Delegate Taveras, et al

STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS – DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Authorizing the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners to take disciplinary action against an applicant or a licensee for failing to comply with a Board order; authorizing the Board to grant a stay of enforcement of a Board order in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act; prohibiting a Board order from being stayed pending judicial review; authorizing the Board to reinstate a suspended or revoked license only in accordance with the terms and conditions of the order or an order of reinstatement issued by the Board; etc.

Senator Lam

Chapter 364

HEALTH INSURANCE – STEP THERAPY OR FAIL–FIRST PROTOCOL – REVISIONS

Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, or health maintenance organizations to establish a certain process for requesting an exception to a step therapy or fail–first protocol; prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and pharmacy benefits managers from requiring more than a certain number of prior authorizations for a prescription for difference dosages of the same prescription drug; etc. EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024

HB 785

Delegate S. Johnson, et al

Chapter 365

HEALTH INSURANCE – STEP THERAPY OR FAIL–FIRST PROTOCOL AND PRIOR AUTHORIZATION – REVISIONS

Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to establish a certain process for requesting an exception to a step therapy or fail–first protocol; prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from requiring more than a certain number of prior authorizations for a prescription for different dosages of the same prescription drug; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024

SB 626

Senators Lam and Salling

Chapter 366

HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION – MEMBERS – APPOINTMENT

Requiring that the members of the Health Services Cost Review Commission be appointed with the advice and consent of the Senate of Maryland.

Senator Lam

Chapter 367

STATE BOARD OF NURSING – PEER ADVISORY COMMITTEES, SCOPES OF PRACTICE, AND LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

Authorizing the State Board of Nursing to appoint peer advisory committees to provide advice related to midwifery; authorizing registered nurses certified as nurse—midwives and licensed certified midwives to personally prepare and dispense a starter dosage of certain drugs under certain circumstances; altering the exceptions to the certified midwifery licensure requirement and the qualifications required for a license; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop recommendations to expand access to birthing services; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 717

Delegate Bagnall, et al

Chapter 368

STATE BOARD OF NURSING – PEER ADVISORY COMMITTEES, SCOPES OF PRACTICE, AND LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

Authorizing the State Board of Nursing to appoint peer advisory committees to provide advice related to midwifery; authorizing registered nurses certified as nurse—midwives and licensed certified midwives to personally prepare and dispense a starter dosage of certain drugs under certain circumstances; altering the exceptions to the certified midwifery licensure requirement and the qualifications required for a license; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 581

Senators Klausmeier and Mautz

Chapter 369

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE COORDINATION VALUE–BASED PURCHASING PILOT PROGRAM

Establishing the Behavioral Health Value—Based Purchasing Pilot Program in the Maryland Department of Health to establish and implement an intensive care coordination model using value—based purchasing in the specialty behavioral health system; requiring the Governor, for fiscal years 2025 through 2027, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$600,000 for the Pilot Program; and requiring the Department to report by November 1, 2027 on the findings and recommendations from the Pilot Program.

Senator Klausmeier

Chapter 370

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – RECOVERY OF BENEFITS – LIMITATION AND METHODS

Limiting the percentage of the weekly benefits amount that the Secretary of Labor may deduct from the weekly benefits payable to a claimant in the future to recover certain overpayments of unemployment insurance benefits to either up to 50% of the weekly benefit amount or 25% of the weekly benefit amount if the weekly benefit amount is less than or equal to \$100; and clarifying the circumstances under which the Secretary may use certain methods to recover overpayments of unemployment insurance benefits.

EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2024

HB 140 Chapter 371

Delegates Palakovich Carr and Charkoudian

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – RECOVERY OF BENEFITS – LIMITATION AND METHODS

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EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2024

SB 434

Senator Klausmeier

Chapter 372

NATURAL RESOURCES – RESTORATIVE AQUACULTURE PILOT PROGRAM

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish a Restorative Aquaculture Pilot Program to provide financial incentives to holders of aquaculture leases who maintain the lease in accordance with certain criteria, maintain the restorative conditions for at least 4 years, and meet certain other criteria the Department considers necessary; authorizing a holder of an aquaculture lease who is participating in the Pilot Program to meet certain requirements by shellfish seed planting only; etc.

Delegate M. Morgan, et al

Chapter 373

HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION – HOSPITAL RATES – ALL–PAYER MODEL CONTRACT

Requiring that the Health Services Cost Review Commission exercise its authority to consider certain standards when determining the reasonableness of certain rates in a manner that is consistent with the all—payer model contract.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 234

Senator Klausmeier, et al

Chapter 374

HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION – HOSPITAL RATES – ALL–PAYER MODEL CONTRACT

Requiring that the Health Services Cost Review Commission exercise its authority to consider certain standards when determining the reasonableness of certain rates in a manner that is consistent with the all—payer model contract.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 187

Senator Kagan

Chapter 375

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – LICENSES, CERTIFICATES, AND REGISTRATIONS – LAWFUL PRESENCE AND IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

Prohibiting a health occupations board from requiring that an applicant provide proof that the applicant is lawfully present in the United States or have a Social Security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number as a condition for licensure, certification, or registration; requiring each health occupations board to require each applicant for a license to disclose the Social Security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number of the applicant or, as permitted by federal law, provide alternative documentation; etc.

Delegate Lopez, et al

Chapter 376

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – LICENSES, CERTIFICATES, AND REGISTRATIONS – LAWFUL PRESENCE AND IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

Prohibiting a health occupations board from requiring that an applicant provide proof that the applicant is lawfully present in the United States or have a Social Security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number as a condition for licensure, certification, or registration; requiring each health occupations board to require each applicant for a license to disclose the Social Security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number of the applicant or, as permitted by federal law, provide alternative documentation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 290

Delegate Bagnall, et al

Chapter 377

PUBLIC HEALTH - DENTAL SERVICES - ACCESS

Altering the Maryland Dent-Care Program; establishing a requirement regarding the reimbursement of dental-related services under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; establishing requirements on the Maryland Department of Health regarding the creation and distribution of plain language materials related to dental services; requiring the State Board of Dental Examiners to publish a searchable list of licensed providers who provide mobile dental services or portable dental services in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 255

Senator Hester

Chapter 378

PUBLIC HEALTH – HOME– AND COMMUNITY–BASED SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to expand access to and provide reimbursement for certain wraparound, intensive in-home, and case management services; requiring, beginning in fiscal year 2024, the Behavioral Health Administration to fund 100 slots in the mental health case management program for children or youth at risk of out-of-home placement who are not eligible for Program services; requiring the Governor to include funding in the annual budget bill for certain behavioral health services and supports; etc.

Delegate Bagnall, et al

Chapter 379

PUBLIC HEALTH – HOME– AND COMMUNITY–BASED SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to expand access to and provide reimbursement for intensive in-home services, case management, and wraparound services; requiring, beginning in fiscal year 2024, the Behavioral Health Administration to fund 100 slots in the mental health case management program for children or youth at risk of out-of-home placement who are not eligible for program services; requiring the Governor to include funding in the annual budget bill for customized goods and services for certain youth; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 254

Senator Hester

Chapter 380

BUSINESS REGULATION - CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

Altering the definition of "charitable contribution" to exclude an authorization for or a discount on the use of certain services or materials, equipment, or facilities for purposes of provisions of law regulating charitable organizations and charitable representatives; and authorizing the Maryland Secretary of State to accept certain documentation in place of an audit or a review in connection with a charitable organization's registration statement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 72

Delegate Watson

Chapter 381

BUSINESS REGULATION - CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

Altering the definition of "charitable contribution" to exclude an authorization for or a discount on the use of certain services or materials, equipment, or facilities for purposes of provisions of law regulating charitable organizations and charitable representatives; authorizing the Maryland Secretary of State to accept certain documentation in place of an audit or review in connection with a charitable organization's registration statement; etc.

Senator Gile, et al

Chapter 382

PRESERVE TELEHEALTH ACCESS ACT OF 2023

Extending to June 30, 2025, the inclusion of certain audio—only telephone conversations under the definition of "telehealth" for the purpose of certain provisions of law relating to reimbursement and coverage of telehealth by the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations; requiring the Maryland Medical Health Care Commission to study and make recommendations regarding the delivery of health care services through telehealth by December 1, 2024; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SB 584

Senators Gile and Elfreth

Chapter 383

PUBLIC HEALTH – PARKINSON'S DISEASE – ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND WEBSITE

Altering the duties of the Parkinson's Disease Registry Advisory Committee; requiring the Committee to meet quarterly beginning on July 1, 2023; requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in collaboration with the State-designated health information exchange, to establish and maintain a website with certain information related to Parkinson's disease by October 1, 2023; and requiring the Committee to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on recommendations for establishing a fully functional State Parkinson's Disease Registry.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

Senators Kelly and Hettleman

Chapter 384

MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE AND MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – HEALTH CARE AND DENTAL CARE COVERAGE FOR UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS – REPORT

Requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and the Maryland Department of Health to develop a report comparing options for offering affordable health care and dental care coverage to State residents who are ineligible for the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, the Maryland Children's Health Program, qualified health plans, or stand—alone dental plans due to the individuals' immigration status; and requiring the Exchange and the Department to report to certain committees of the General Assembly by October 31, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 214

Delegate Kelly, et al

Chapter 385

COMMISSION ON PUBLIC HEALTH - ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Commission on Public Health to make recommendations to improve the delivery of foundational public health services in the State; requiring the Commission to conduct an assessment of the foundational public health capabilities of the Maryland Department of Health and local health departments; requiring the Commission to submit to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly an interim report by December 1, 2023, and a final report by December 1, 2024, of the Commission's findings and recommendations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SB 455

Senator Hayes, et al

Chapter 386

REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS – LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION – QUALIFICATIONS

Altering the qualifications for a real estate appraisal license and for a certificate for residential or general real estate to include completion of certain criteria in the Practical Applications of Real Estate Appraisal program.

Delegate Holmes, et al

Chapter 387

REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS – LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION – QUALIFICATIONS

Altering the qualifications for a real estate appraisal license and for a certificate for residential or general real estate appraisal to include completion of certain criteria in the Practical Applications of Real Estate Appraisal program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 588

Senator Hayes

Chapter 388

BALTIMORE CITY – 40TH DISTRICT – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in a certain area of the 40th alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City to the holder of a Class C beer and light wine license; authorizing the Board to issue a Class A–7 beer, wine, and liquor license in a certain area of the 40th alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 886

Delegate Amprey

Chapter 389

BALTIMORE CITY – 40TH DISTRICT – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in a certain area of the 40th alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City to the holder of a Class C beer and light wine license under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain license holders in certain areas of the 40th alcoholic beverages district from selling alcoholic beverages at certain times of day; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Delegate Amprey

Chapter 390

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – RELATED EVENT PROMOTER'S PERMIT

Clarifying that the defined term "related event" as it applies to a related event promoter's permit in Baltimore City includes events for which tickets are sold in advance or at the door or cover charges are imposed; reducing the number of days within which a person must apply for a permit, the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City must take certain actions relating to the permit, and alterations may be made to the permit; and altering the standards for determining the permit fee.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SB 589

Senator Hayes

Chapter 391

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – RELATED EVENT PROMOTER'S PERMIT

Clarifying that the defined term "related event" as it applies to a related event promoter's permit in Baltimore City includes events for which tickets are sold in advance or at the door or cover charges are imposed; reducing the number of days within which a person must apply for a permit, the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City must take certain actions relating to the permit, and alterations may be made to the permit; and altering the standards for determining the permit fee.

HB 615

Delegate Amprey

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

Chapter 392

WORKGROUP ON BLACK, LATINO, ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER, AND OTHER UNDERREPRESENTED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS – EXTENSION OF DATES

Extending the reporting and termination dates, to July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025, respectively, for the Workgroup on Black, Latino, Asian American Pacific Islander, and Other Underrepresented Behavioral Health Professionals.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

Senator Hayes

Chapter 393

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – VIOLATION PROCEDURES AND FINES

Establishing procedures for the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City, in the case of an alleged complaint against a licensed establishment or license holder, to make an offer of a monetary penalty as a compromise in lieu of a hearing before the Board under certain circumstances; and altering the maximum penalty for certain alcoholic beverages violations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 916

Baltimore City Delegation

Chapter 394

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – VIOLATION PROCEDURES AND FINES

Establishing procedures for the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City, in the case of an alleged complaint against a licensed establishment or license holder, to make an offer of a monetary penalty as a compromise in lieu of a hearing before the Board under certain circumstances; and altering the maximum penalty for certain alcoholic beverages violations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 654

Senator Gallion

Chapter 395

HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS HC (HEALTH CLUB) LICENSE

Establishing a 6-day and a 7-day Class HC (health club) beer and wine license in Harford County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue the license to a person who sells health club services; exempting the holder of the license from certain distance requirements related to places of worship and schools; establishing an annual fee of \$1,300 for a 6-day license and \$1,400 for a 7-day license; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Harford County Delegation

Chapter 396

HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS HC (HEALTH CLUB) LICENSE

Establishing a 6-day and a 7-day Class HC (health club) beer and wine license in Harford County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue the license to a person who sells health club services; exempting the holder of the license from certain distance requirements related to places of worship and schools; establishing an annual fee of \$1,300 for a 6-day license and \$1,400 for a 7-day license; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 738

Senator Gallion

Chapter 397

HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PERFORMING ARTS THEATER LICENSE

Establishing in Harford County a performing arts theater beer and wine license that authorizes the holder to sell or serve beer and wine in certain performing arts theaters at retail for on–premises consumption; and establishing an annual license fee of \$500. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 1059

Harford County Delegation

Chapter 398

HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PERFORMING ARTS THEATER LICENSE

Establishing in Harford County a performing arts theater beer and wine license that authorizes the holder to sell or serve beer and wine in certain performing arts theaters at retail for on–premises consumption; and establishing an annual license fee of \$500. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Delegate R. Lewis, et al

Chapter 399

PHARMACISTS – THERAPY MANAGEMENT CONTRACT – FORM

Providing that a therapy management contract may be entered into in writing or orally; requiring, if a therapy management contract is entered into orally, the parties to the therapy management contract to reduce the contract to writing within 30 days after entering into the therapy management contract; and providing that a therapy management contract may be in electronic form.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 139

Senator Jackson, et al

Chapter 400

STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM – DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS

Increasing the maximum number of years of eligibility service that certain members of the State Police Retirement System or Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System may have to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) from 30 to 32; increasing the number of years that certain members of the State Police Retirement System or Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System may participate in the DROP from 5 to 7; and authorizing certain individuals to elect to extend their participation in the DROP. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 263

Senator Jackson, et al

Chapter 401

MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION – ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Access to Mental Health Advisory Committee within the Maryland Higher Education Commission to study the policies and procedures adopted by institutions of higher education in the State regarding access to mental health care and the prevention and treatment of mental illness in students; and requiring the Committee to report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Delegate Boafo, et al

Chapter 402

MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION – ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Access to Mental Health Advisory Committee within the Maryland Higher Education Commission to study the provision of and access to mental health services in institutions of higher education; and requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 440

Delegate Charles, et al

Chapter 403

CHILD CUSTODY – RELOCATION OF CHILD – EXPEDITED HEARING (ASSURANCE OF CHILD'S SAFETY ACT)

Requiring a court to schedule a hearing on a certain petition regarding the proposed relocation of a child who is the subject of a custody or visitation order on an expedited basis under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 42

Senator Carter

Chapter 404

CHILD CUSTODY – RELOCATION OF CHILD – EXPEDITED HEARING (ASSURANCE OF CHILD'S SAFETY ACT)

Requiring a court to schedule a hearing, on an expedited basis, on a petition filed by a parent regarding a proposed relocation of a child who is the subject of a custody or visitation order that would significantly interfere with the other parent's ability to maintain the predetermined parenting time.

Delegate Arentz, et al

Chapter 405

CAROLINE AND QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTIES – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

Requiring that a certain applicant for an alcoholic beverages license in Caroline County be a resident of the State rather than a resident of the county; and requiring that a certain applicant for an alcoholic beverages license in Queen Anne's County be a resident of the State rather than a resident of the county.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 821

Senator McKay

Chapter 406

GARRETT COUNTY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ACT OF 2023

Altering a certain condition under which the Board of License Commissioners of Garrett County may issue a certain alcoholic beverages license to a hotel or motel; authorizing a gift basket permit holder to purchase certain alcoholic beverages from a wholesaler; authorizing a holder of a Class C multiple day beer license, beer and wine license, or beer, wine, and liquor license to hold another license that is issued by the Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 905

Delegate Hinebaugh

Chapter 407

GARRETT COUNTY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ACT OF 2023

Altering a certain condition under which the Board of License Commissioners of Garrett County may issue a certain alcoholic beverages license to a hotel or motel; authorizing a gift basket permit holder to purchase certain alcoholic beverages from a wholesaler; authorizing a holder of a Class C multiple day beer license, beer and wine license, or beer, wine, and liquor license to hold another license that is issued by the Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Senator McCray

Chapter 408

BALTIMORE CITY – PROPERTY TAX – IN REM FORECLOSURE OF VACANT OR NUISANCE PROPERTY

Authorizing certain vacant property or nuisance property located in Baltimore City to be subject to a certain in rem foreclosure process; requiring certain procedures for an in rem foreclosure; requiring Baltimore City to take certain actions to compensate the interested parties in property that has value and is acquired through an in rem foreclosure; specifying the title acquired in an in rem foreclosure; specifying the circumstances under which an in rem foreclosure judgment may be reopened; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 644

Senator McCray

Chapter 409

MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW PROGRAM – LOCAL TEAMS – ACCESS TO RECORDS

Requiring certain health care providers and health care facilities to provide to the local team, on request of the chair, prompt access to all relevant medical records associated with a case under review by the Maternal Mortality Review Program without undue delay; and providing that certain provisions of law related to the confidentiality of medical records do not apply to certain disclosures made to a local team

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 377

Senator Kramer

Chapter 410

WORKERS' COMPENSATION – BENEFITS – OFFSET AND STUDY

Altering the circumstances under which the payment of a benefit by a governmental unit or quasi-public corporation to a covered employee offsets the liability for benefits under the workers' compensation law; and stating that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Maryland Association of Counties and the Professional Fire Fighters of Maryland jointly research and report data and analysis on the effects of the Act by December 1, 2024, to interested parties and certain committees of the General Assembly. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

Senator Kramer

Chapter 411

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – WORKERS' COMPENSATION – HERNIA

Establishing that a hernia caused as a result of repetitive trauma may be considered an occupational disease and be compensable subject to certain provisions of the workers' compensation law. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 902

Delegates Pruski and Rogers

Chapter 412

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – WORKERS' COMPENSATION – HERNIA

Establishing that a hernia caused as a result of repetitive trauma may be considered an occupational disease and be compensable subject to certain provisions of the workers' compensation law. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 90

Senator Kramer, et al

Chapter 413

COMMERCIAL LAW – CONSUMER PROTECTION – TELEPHONE SOLICITATION (STOP THE SPAM CALLS ACT OF 2023)

Prohibiting a person from making certain telephone solicitations to a certain called party in a certain manner by restricting the methods, times, and identifying information that the person making the call may utilize; and making a violation of the Act an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice that is subject to enforcement and penalties under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024

Delegate Stewart

Chapter 414

COMMERCIAL LAW – CONSUMER PROTECTION – TELEPHONE SOLICITATION (STOP THE SPAM CALLS ACT OF 2023)

Prohibiting a person from making certain telephone solicitations to a certain called party in a certain manner by restricting the methods, times, and identifying information that the person making the call may utilize; providing that the Act does not apply to certain entities and circumstances; and making a violation of the Act an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice that is subject to enforcement and penalties under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024

SB 429

Senator Corderman

Chapter 415

BUSINESS REGULATION – HOME IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION – GUARANTY FUND AND AWARD LIMITS

Increasing the funding level of the Home Improvement Guaranty Fund that is administered by the Home Improvement Commission from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000; increasing a certain Fund threshold that determines whether a fee is assessed to each contractor; and increasing the limit, from \$100,000 to \$250,000, on the amount of money the Commission may award from the Fund to all claimants for the acts or omissions of a single contractor, subject to a certain reimbursement to the Fund. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 304

Carroll County Senators

Chapter 416

CARROLL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MODIFICATION OF SEATING REQUIREMENTS

Modifying the seating requirements for Class B, Class BR, and Class C beer, wine, and liquor licenses in Carroll County. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 559

Delegate Rose

Chapter 417

CARROLL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MODIFICATION OF SEATING REQUIREMENTS

Modifying the seating requirements for Class B, Class BR, and Class C beer, wine, and liquor licenses in Carroll County. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Carroll County Senators

Chapter 418

CARROLL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MULTIPLE EVENT ENTERTAINMENT LICENSES

Establishing an annual fee of \$2,000 for a multiple event entertainment alcoholic beverages license where the number of events is 41 or more per year in Carroll County; and repealing the limit on the total number of days for which a multiple event entertainment license may be used.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 560

Carroll County Delegation

Chapter 419

CARROLL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MULTIPLE EVENT ENTERTAINMENT LICENSES

Establishing an annual fee of \$2,000 for a multiple event entertainment alcoholic beverages license where the number of events number 41 or more per year in Carroll County; and repealing the limit on the total number of days for which a multiple event entertainment license may be used.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 989

Frederick County Delegation

Chapter 420

FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MINIATURE GOLF COURSE LICENSE

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County to issue a Class B–MGC (miniature golf course) beer, wine, and liquor license to a miniature golf course under certain circumstances; authorizing a license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on–premises consumption under certain circumstances; requiring a license holder to submit an annual gross sales report for alcohol, golf games and food to the Board before a license may be renewed; and providing an annual license fee of \$1500.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Howard County Delegation

Chapter 421

HOWARD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS HO. CO. 11–23

Providing that a resident of the State meets certain residency requirements for an applicant for an alcoholic beverages license in Howard County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 218

Howard County Delegation

Chapter 422

HOWARD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – REPEAL OF PETITION OF SUPPORT REQUIREMENT HO. CO. 12–23

Repealing the requirement that an application for an alcoholic beverages license in Howard County include certain petitions of support signed by at least three residents who are owners of real property and registered voters in the district where the business is to be conducted.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 438

Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 423

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B–STADIUM (BASEBALL STADIUM) BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE PG 306–23

Altering the alcoholic beverages that may be sold under a certain stadium license in Prince George's County; authorizing the holder of a Class B–Stadium (baseball stadium) beer, wine, and liquor license to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on–premises consumption; altering a provision of law providing that the profit from the sale of certain alcoholic beverages under the license may accrue to the use of the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission or the concessionaire; etc.

EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2023

Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 424

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – LAND USE – DEVELOPMENT OF NEGLECTED PROPERTY PG 406–23

Authorizing Prince George's County to exercise powers of eminent domain to acquire and develop or redevelop, for a public purpose, certain neglected property located in the county that has been designated as a transit—oriented development and is located within a business improvement district; and prohibiting land or property taken by the county through the use of eminent domain under the provisions of the Act to be taken without just compensation, as agreed on between the parties, or awarded by a jury.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 263

St. Mary's County Delegation

Chapter 425

ST. MARY'S COUNTY - GAMING - SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTERS

Authorizing a certain senior activity center to conduct gaming events, bunco games, and card games in St. Mary's County; prohibiting a senior activity center in St. Mary's County from awarding prize money in excess of \$50 to a winner in each session or charging a participant more than \$25 to play one session; requiring any money that remains after prizes are awarded to be used to support future programming at the senior activity center; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 887

St. Mary's County Delegation

Chapter 426

ST. MARY'S COUNTY – METROPOLITAN COMMISSION – NEW FACILITIES

Requiring the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission to obtain the approval from the Commissioners of St. Mary's County before submitting a loan application where the Commission seeks to incur debt upon the full faith and credit of the county; requiring the Commission to cause studies, plans, and estimates to be made for new facilities in certain portions of the county; requiring any excess revenue made by the Commission in the sale or transfer of certain debt to be exempt from taxation; etc.

St. Mary's County Delegation

Chapter 427

ST. MARY'S COUNTY - TRANSFER TAX - SUNSET EXTENSION

Extending to October 1, 2028, the authority of the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County to impose a transfer tax on certain instruments of writing.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SB 431

Washington County Senators

Chapter 428

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 9 LIMITED DISTILLERY LICENSE – SELF–DISTRIBUTION

Authorizing a holder of a Class 9 limited distillery license to apply for and obtain a Class 8 liquor wholesaler's license with certain privileges.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 565

Washington County Delegation

Chapter 429

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 9 LIMITED DISTILLERY LICENSE – SELF–DISTRIBUTION

Authorizing a holder of a Class 9 limited distillery license to apply for and obtain a Class 8 liquor wholesaler's license with certain privileges.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Sincerely,

Victoria L. Gruber Executive Director